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**SENATOR GREGG SECURES \$8.2 MILLION FOR UPPER VALLEY
REGION DEFENSE CONTRACTS IN PENTAGON FUNDING BILL**

Bill also includes \$248M for refueling at PNS and \$150M for breast cancer research nationwide

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), a member of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee today announced that he has included \$110 million in federal funding for Granite State defense initiatives in the Fiscal Year 2004 Senate Defense Appropriations bill approved by the full Senate Appropriations Committee today, including \$8.2 million for companies based in the Upper Valley Region. Senator Gregg was also able to include an additional \$248 million to conduct an engineering refueling overhaul of the USS Jacksonville at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Senator Gregg strongly supported \$150 million for continued breast cancer research nationwide that is in the bill as well. A list of the Upper Valley projects is attached. The measure provides \$368.6 billion in discretionary spending for the Pentagon, including a 4.5% pay raise for military personnel and a funding increase in basic allowance for housing to reduce out of pocket costs from 7.5%. The measure is now ready for consideration by the entire Senate, expected to be this month.

Senator Gregg stated, "The men and women of our armed forces around the nation and around the world continue to conduct themselves with bravery and valor. They are able to carry out their duties by relying on the finest military and safety equipment in the world, and today's Appropriations Committee vote entrusts New Hampshire companies with a crucial role in keeping our military personnel safe. For years companies from our state have risen to the challenge when asked by our military to provide the most technologically-advanced equipment available, and I am pleased to see the Senate once again call on Granite Staters to help our armed forces."

In addition to the overhaul of the USS Jacksonville, the measure includes \$28.9 million to be divided between the four U.S. Naval Shipyards for the Naval Shipyard Apprentice Program. Senator Gregg recently announced the FY04 Military Construction Appropriations bill currently working its way through the Senate includes \$7.6 million he included for two projects which affect the Granite State: \$6.1 million for a new fire, crash and rescue station on the Pease Air National Guard Base in Newington and \$1.5 million for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's Structural Shop Consolidation Project.

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Upper Valley

Creare Inc., Hanover – \$2 million to continue development of a system which produces, stores and delivers both nitrogen and oxygen to enable safe aircraft operation with no ground support requirements.

Timken Aerospace, Lebanon - \$4 million to fund two programs, one directed at developing a high speed hybrid bearing for U.S. Air Force applications such as the F/A-22 aircraft, and the other directed at assisting in university research to determine temperature, vibration, strain and angular rotation in rolling element bearings for the Department of Defense.

U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Hanover - \$2.2 million to accelerate research and development efforts to improve U.S. Army computer-based terrain based decision aids for operational commanders' mission planning and execution.

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